UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICE OF HEARINGS

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IN THE MATTER OF

SKYCORP EXECUTIVE CHARTERS, INC

FAA DOCKET NO CP06NM0003 (Civil Penalty Action)

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MOTION FOR DECISION

(or in the alternative)

MOTION IN LIMINE TO STRIKE AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

TO: The Honorable Richard C. Goodwin, Administrative Law Judge:

A. MOTION FOR DECISION

Pursuant to 14 C.F.R. Section 13.218(f) (5), the undersigned FAA counsel hereby moves for a decision, because there is no genuine issue of material fact, and the moving party is entitled to a decision as a matter of law.

Complaint Paragraph II.1. was admitted in the October 20, 2006, Amended Answer submitted by Skycorp Executive Charters, Inc. (hereafter "Skycorp"].

Complaint Paragraph II.2., although denied in Skycorp's Answer, is established by paragraph 5 of the enclosed declaration of Kevin McKee, and by the exhibits referenced therein.

Complaint Paragraph II.3., although denied in Skycorp's

Answer, is established by paragraph 5 of the enclosed declaration

of Teresa Butler-Stoddard, and by the exhibits referenced therein.

Complaint Paragraph II.4., although denied in Skycorp's

Answer, is established by paragraph 3 of the enclosed declaration

of Michael L. Kelly, and the exhibits referenced therein.

Complaint Paragraph II.5., although denied in Skycorp's
Answer, is established by these same, above-referenced exhibits.

Complaint Paragraph II.6., was admitted in Skycorp's Answer, and also is established by paragraphs 3-4 of the enclosed declaration of Kevin McKee, and by the exhibit referenced therein.

Complaint Paragraph II.7. was not denied in Skycorp's Answer.

Under 14 C.F.R. Section 13.209(e), "any statement or allegation

contained in the complaint that is not specifically denied in the

answer may be deemed an admission of the truth of that

allegation". Furthermore, the allegations in this paragraph are

established by paragraphs 3-4 of the enclosed declaration of

Teresa Butler-Stoddard, and by the exhibit referenced therein.

Complaint paragraph III.1. is a conclusion of law.

Complaint paragraph III.2. correctly states the statutory penalty for violations occurring prior to June 15, 2006. For violations occurring on or after that date, including the June 19, 2006 violation alleged in paragraph II.4. of the Complaint, the penalty is set at \$11,000. (See FAA final rules related to Civil

Penalty Inflation Adjustment, promulgated at 71 FR 28518, 71 FR 47077, and 71 FR 52407).

Complaint paragraph III.1. states that an \$11,250 penalty is appropriate. The Complaint alleges multiple violations of FAR 119.5(k). For Internet advertising, each day of a continuing published advertisement constitutes a separate violation [see 49 U.S.C. Section 46301(a) (2)]. Thus, Skycorp's potential liability in this case is somewhere in the six figures. The proposed penalty is quite modest when compared with this potential maximum liability, yet reflects the fact that these violations continued even after the June 5, 2006, warning discussed in the enclosed Declaration of San Aaron.

Regarding the affirmative defenses asserted by Skycorp in their answer, they are without merit, for the reasons discussed in the MOTION IN LIMINE which follows. The discussion set forth in that motion is specifically incorporated herein by reference.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned FAA counsel hereby moves for a decision, because there is no genuine issue of material fact, and the moving party is entitled to a decision as a matter of law.

B. MOTION IN LIMINE

Should the Motion for Decision be denied in whole or in part, the undersigned FAA counsel, in the alternative, hereby moves under 14 C.F.R. Section 13.218(a), by filing this motion in

limine, seeking an order from the Administrative Law Judge striking the three affirmative defenses asserted by Skycorp Executive Charter (hereafter "Skycorp") set forth in its <u>First</u> Amended Answer dated October 20, 2006.

In its Answer, Skycorp raises three primary affirmative defenses. The first such defense is that of "estoppel" (variously pled by Skycorp as "equitable estoppel", "estoppel by negligence", and "estoppel by silence"). The second such defense is that of "selective enforcement" of the FAR at issue in this matter (14 C.F.R. Section 119.5(k), based on Skycorp's assertions that the FAA has not enforced this regulation against similarly situated air carriers, and had an improper motive (retaliation) to do so in its case, thus violating Skycorp's Constitutional due process and equal protection rights. The last such defense is that FAR Section 119.5(k) is unconstitutionally vague.

1. Estoppel Argument

In <u>In the Matter of Deleware Skyways, LLC</u> FAA Order No. 2005-5, the Administrator discussed the application of the Estoppel doctrine to these civil penalty proceedings, at length:

Although reasonable reliance is an element of estoppel, it is not, as Delaware implicitly suggests, the only element. In Heckler v. Community Health Services of Crawford County, 467 U.S. 51, (1954), the Court explained the elements of estoppel as follows: [T]he party claiming the estoppel must have relied on its adversary's conduct "in such a manner as to change his position for the worse," and that reliance must have been reasonable in that the party claiming the estoppel did not know nor should it have known that its adversary's conduct was misleading. Id. at 60 (citations omitted). In addition, the court in Heckler held that an estoppel may not ordinarily be obtained against the Government because it would undermine the rule of law. The facts in Heckler, where the Court required a health services provider to return certain overpayments even though the provider had received assurance that the payments were proper, aptly illustrate this principle. While the Supreme Court has not concluded that a party may never estop the Government, courts have

refused to consider any claim of estoppel without a showing of "affirmative misconduct." Siu de Puerto Rico, Caribe Y Latino America v. Virgin Islands Port Authority, 42 F.3d 801, 803 (3rd Cir. 1994); United States v. Pepperman, 976 F.2d 123, 131 (3rd Cir. 1992); United States v. St. John's General Hospital, 875 F.2d 1064, 1069 (3rd Cir. 1989); United States v. Asmar, 827 F.2d 907 (3rd Cir. 1987). [FN9] In the present case, even assuming there was evidence of the inspector's alleged promise, Delaware failed to allege that it had relied on the statement of the inspector to its detriment, much less that there was any affirmative misconduct.

Other courts have also made it clear that estoppel against the government may not be asserted as it may against private litigants (<u>Office of Personnel Management v. Richmond</u>, 496 U.S. 414, 419 (1990)), <u>Emery Mining Corp. v. Secretary of Labor</u>, 744 F.2d 1411, 1416 (10 Cir. 1984)). These courts have found that a successful estoppel against the government would undermine the integrity and predictability of the law. Additionally, a prevailing estoppel claim, by nullifying the requirements of the law, would invade the legislative and rulemaking province.

Although the United States Supreme Court has never explicitly stated that estoppel may be asserted against the federal government (Richmond, 496 U.S. at 423; Heckler, 467 U.S. at 60), nonetheless, the doctrine will be invoked against a governmental entity only with great reluctance (Emery Mining, 744 F.2d at 1416, quoting U.S. v. Browning, 630 F.2d 694, 702 (10 Cir. 1980), cert. denied, 451 U.S. 988 (1981)). As noted above, Federal courts have grafted an element additional to a traditional estoppel action to a claim against the government, stating that a successful estoppel claim requires a showing of "affirmative misconduct" by government officials (see, e.g.,

 Mukherjee v. INS, 793 F.2d 1006 (9 Cir. 1986); Portmann v. U.S.
674 F.2d 1155 (7 Cir. 1982); Akbarin v. INS, 669 F.2d 839 (1 Cir. 1982); Corniel-Rodriguez v. INS, 532 F.2d 301 (2d Cir. 1976)).
Mere neglect of duty is not enough (Simon v. Califano, 593 F.2d 121, 123 (9 Cir. 1979).

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB or Board), whose decisions are persuasive (although not precedential), in the context of FAA Civil Penalty cases, has gone further than these courts, unequivocally holding that estoppel will never lie where the public interest and safety in air commerce or air transportation are at stake (Ronald G. Fisher, EA-2986, 6 NTSB 1292, 1294 (1989), aff'd sub. nom. Fisher v. Department of Transportation, 917 F.2d 27 (9 Cir. 1990); Erik Milton Poole, EA-4425, 1996 NTSB Lexis 11 (February 7, 1996)). The NTSB has, in effect, stated that the policies behind the invocation of estoppel in a particular case — the promotion of honesty and fair dealing by the government (Molton, Allen and Williams, Inc. v. Harris, 613 F.2d 1176, 1178 (D.C. Cir. 1980)) — could never outweigh the public safety, however important the policies may be in their own right.

It is not difficult to understand the Board's reasoning. The promulgation, preservation, and enforcement of standards of safety in the air are among the most critical functions entrusted to any regulatory agency. The field of aviation safety carries

special responsibilities because so much is at stake. It is an area in which the public demands the very highest safety values.

Skycorp has not asserted that the FAA has engaged in any affirmative misconduct with regard to its application of FAR 119.5(k). For this reasons, along with the others discussed above, Skycorp's estoppel defenses should be stricken from its answer.

2. SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT ARGUMENT

The Administrator has consistently rejected consideration of the selective enforcement defense in these civil penalty proceedings. In The Matter of Costello FAA Order No. 1993-10, at 6], the Administrator clearly stated, at page 3:

Whether a safety rule is enforced against someone else is not relevant in determining whether Respondent violated the same rule. In the Matter of Sutton-Sautter, FAA Order No. 92-46 at 4 (July 22, 1992). Moreover, an agency's decision not to prosecute is a matter of prosecutorial discretion and is presumptively immune from review. In the Matter of Airport Operator, FAA Order No. 91-41 at 7 (October 31, 1991), citing Heckler v. Chaney, 470 U.S. 821, 832-32 (1984).

See also <u>In The Matter of Glenn E, Wyatt</u>, FAA Order No. 92-73, where the Administrator stated:

The application of discretionary agency policies, such as those alluded to by Respondent, is not relevant to whether Respondent violated the regulations as alleged in the complaint. See In the Matter of American Airlines, Inc., FAA Order No. 89-6, at 7 (December 21, 1988). Furthermore, Complainant's decision whether or not to commence a civil penalty action against Respondent was an exercise of prosecutorial discretion. The decision to prosecute is generally committed to the agency's absolute discretion and should be presumed immune from review. In the Matter of [Airport Operator], FAA Order No. 91-41 at 7 (October 31, 1991).

 The Administrator has consistently followed these holdings in subsequent cases. See, for example <u>In The Matter of High Exposure</u>, <u>Inc</u>, FAA Order No. 2001-2, and <u>In The Matter Paul A</u> Carr, FAA Order No. 98-2, where she stated:

Mr. Carr argues on appeal that Horizon bears some responsibility for this shipment but that no action was taken against Horizon. When ruling on an appeal, it is not the Administrator's role to review the discretionary decisions made by Complainant with regard to whether to bring a civil penalty action against an individual other than the respondent to that action.

The NTSB, whose decisions are persuasive (although not precedential) in the context of FAA Civil Penalty cases, has adopted similar rulings, consistently taking the position that the reasons why the FAA chose to take or not take a particular action in any other case is not relevant. Furthermore, the Board has held that it does not have jurisdiction to review the Administrator's exercise of her prosecutorial discretion. See Administrator v. Renner, NTSB Order No. EA-3927 (1993);

Administrator v. Adcock, EA-4507 (1996); Administrator v. Baily and Avila, EA- 4294 (1994); Administrator v. Heidenberger, EA-3759; at 8-9 (1993)¹; Administrator v Eden, EA-4595 (1997)¹.

In Renner, the Board stated "We have declined to intervene in the Administrator's enforcement policy, including his prosecution choices as between one certificate holder and another. See, e.g., Administrator v. Kaolian, 5 NTSB 2193 (1987), and Go Leasing, Inc. v. NTSB, 800 F.2d 1514 (9th Cir. 1986).

Thus, evidence regarding treatment of other pilots is irrelevant in this proceeding".

In <u>Baily and Avila</u>, the Board rejected Respondents' arguments that the FAA failed to follow its own internal enforcement guidance, noting that the Board has "consistently refused to address such arguments, making clear that we do not view it as our role to evaluate the FAA's enforcement program or to second-guess the Administrator's exercise of his prosecutorial discretion", citing <u>Administrator v. Connaire</u>, 6 NTSB 257, 261 (1988) and Administrator v. Rigsby, NTSB Order No. EA-3860 (1993).

In <u>Heidenberger</u>, the Board rejected assertions that the Administrator was not entitled to bring that proceeding against him while taking no action against others, noting that "[t]he selection of which cases to prosecute, and the manner in which they are prosecuted, are matters within the discretion of the Administrator, acting pursuant to his statutory authority," and that the Board's jurisdiction in certificate enforcement actions "extends only to the question of whether safety and the public interest require affirmation of the Administrator's order" and "not to an evaluation of the procedural steps leading to the issuance of that order except when a question arises concerning the Board's own stale complaint rule. We will not, therefore, entertain respondent's claim that the Administrator should be barred from prosecuting this action against him", citing

Administrator v. Greiner, 1 NTSB 874, 877 (1970) and Administrator v. Hunt, 5 NTSB 2314, 2316 (1987).

For these reasons, Skycorp's selective enforcement defenses should be stricken from its answer.

3. VAGUENESS ARGUMENT

In the American Airlines, Inc. FAA Order 99-1, the Administrator discussed the "void for vagueness" doctrine at length, stating, at page 4:

The Administrator may decline to consider certain constitutional challenges - for example, those involving challenges to the rules of practice as a whole. See, e.g., In the Matter of Continental Airlines, FAA Order No. 90-12 at 6 (April 25, 1998). The Administrator has stated that the Federal Courts of Appeals constitute a more appropriate forum to resolve such challenges. Id. at 6. However, the Administrator has found it necessary and appropriate to consider constitutional claims of vagueness. In the Matter of TWA, FAA Order No. 98-11 at 10 (June 16, 1998); In the Matter of Continental Airlines, FAA Order No. 97-34 n. 8 (October 23, 1997) (citing In the Matter of USAir, FAA Order No. 96-25 (August 13, 1996) and In the Matter of [Airport Operator], FAA Order No. 96-1 (January 4, 1996)); In the Matter of Continental Airlines, FAA Order No. 90-12 at 6 n.5 (stating that there may be situations in which it will be necessary to consider certain due process arguments, such as "whether the standard allegedly violated is defined with a sufficient degree of specificity to support the imposition of a punitive sanction").

A law or regulation may be void for vagueness if it does not define the conduct it prohibits so that an ordinary person would know what is required, or if it encourages arbitrary and discriminatory enforcement. Freedom to Travel Campaign v. Newcomb, 82 F.3d 1431, 1440 n.10 (9th Cir. 1996). Under the vagueness doctrine, a law or regulation that does not fairly inform a person of what is commanded or prohibited is unconstitutional as violative of due process. In the Matter of TWA, FAA Order No. 98-11 at 10 (June 16, 1998), citing In the Matter of [Airport Operator], FAA Order No. 96-1 at 7 (January 4, 1996)....

Assuming, arguendo, that the security program requirement was potentially vague, potential vagueness may be mitigated by executive interpretation of the challenged

provision. Howard v. FAA, 17 F.3d 1213 (March 1, 1994), citing Go Leasing v. NTSB, 800 F.2d 1514, 1525 (9th Cir. 1986). American had the benefit of repeated agency interpretations of the * * * language, thereby mitigating any potential vagueness.

<u>In the Matter of Trans State Airlines</u> FAA Order No. 2005-2, the Administrator further stated:

Under the vagueness doctrine, a law or regulation that does not fairly inform an ordinary person of what is commanded or prohibited or which encourages arbitrary and discriminatory enforcement is unconstitutional and violative of due process. In the Matter of American Airlines, FAA Order No. 1999-1 at 8 (March 2, 1999). When evaluating a void for vagueness challenge to a regulation, a court will require only a reasonable degree of certainty, and will demand less precision for a regulation governing business, rather than First Amendment, activities. Throckmorton v. National Transportation Safety Board, 963 F.2d 441, 445 (D.C. Cir. 1992).

Under these standards, and in the context of this case, FAR 119.5(k) easily survives a 'void for vagueness" defense. The regulation reads as follows:

No person may advertise or otherwise offer to perform an operation subject to this part unless that person is authorized by the Federal Aviation Administration to conduct that operation.

In its Answer, Skycorp has admitted that its operations specifications did not authorize operations in jet aircraft. In its answer, it has also not denied that its operations specifications did not authorize worldwide operations (Exhibit X to Inspector McKee's Declaration also establishes this fact).

The only remaining issue, therefore, is whether "an ordinary person" in Skycorp's position would know with a "reasonable degree

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of certainty", when placing the internet advertisements set forth in the exhibits to the enclosed declarations of McKee, Butler-Stoddard, and Kelly, that the flight operations being advertised therein were not authorized by Skycorp's operations specifications.

The statements at issue in paragraph II.2. of the Complaint advertised, under the title "Aircraft for Charter", two jet aircraft (Beech/Raytheon Premier I and Bombardier/Challenger 601-1A aircraft), without any qualifying language explaining that these aircraft were only available for charter by some other air carrier which had operations specifications authorizing jet operations. Without any such qualifying language, the advertisement was at the very least deceptive, and would lead potential customers to believe that they could charter these jets directly from Skycorp. There is nothing vague about this regulatory prohibition in this context.

The other statements at issue in the Complaint (Paragraphs II. 3-5), found on Skycorp's Internet site and Charter Hub's Internet site on June 5, 2006, and again June 19, 2006, state:

Skycorp Executive Charter Service can fly you to just about any airport in the world

For regional destinations within the northwestern U.S. we can fly you on one of our executive cabin class King Airs, or put you on a light to medium jet for destinations far away.

On the Skycorp Internet site, these statements appeared in these Internet advertisements under the Heading

"Skycorp...Executive Air Charter", without any qualifying language even hinting that Skycorp did not have operations specifications authorizing jet operations or worldwide operations, and without any hint that Skycorp was simply intending to broker these operations for other FAA-certificated air carriers which did have appropriate authority under their operations specifications.

Any potential vagueness in the regulatory language of FAR 119.5(k), in the context of this case, was adequately "mitigated by executive interpretation" (See American Airlines, Inc., above), by the enclosed December 23, 1991, interpretation of the FAA Chief Counsel, which makes it clear that any entity (including an air carrier) intending to advertise its services as an aircraft broker (central reservation service), must make that fact clear in their advertising, so that the public will not be misled into believing that entity doing the advertising is itself offering and authorized to perform the operations advertised.

Furthermore, at least for the June 19, 2006, violations, the FAA further mitigated any potential vagueness by the Manager of the Seattle FSDO telephoning the Skycorp President on June 6, 2006, and advising him that it was inappropriate for Skycorp to advertise "to just about any airport in the world", or "in a light to medium jet" (See enclosed declaration of Sam Aaron).

WHEREFORE, the undersigned agency counsel respectfully requests that the Administrative Law Judge to issue an order striking the

three affirmative defenses asserted by Skycorp set forth in its First Amended Answer dated October 20, 2006.

Karl B Levis Regional Counsel Office of Regional Counsel Northwest Mountain Region

Federal Aviation Administration

DATED this 7th day of November, 2006

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Complainant's Motion for Decision/Motion in Limine has been served via facsimile and mailed this date by certified mail, return receipt requested, to:

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Dated this $\frac{740}{2}$ day of November 2006.

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FAA DOCKET NO CP06NM0003 (Civil Penalty Action)

DECLARATION OF KEVIN MCKEE

I declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct:

- 1. I am an Aviation Safety Inspector employed by the FAA's Seattle Flight Standards District Office.
- 2. I was the person primarily responsible for investigating this case involving the advertising practices by Skycorp Executive Charters, Inc. (hereafter, "Skycorp").
- 3. Attached as exhibit #1 to this declaration are true and correct copies of page A003-1 from Skycorp's FAA-approved operations specifications, which were in effect during the period of March through July 2006.
- 4. These operations specifications show that during this period Skycorp was authorized to conduct on demand operations using only two Beechcraft aircraft, the BE-90-C90 model aircraft, and the BE-200 model aircraft. Neither of this aircraft is jet-powered.
- 5. Attached as exhibit #2 this declaration are true and correct copies of three pages of information printed off of the CharterHub Internet site on May 1, 2006, and one page from the April 21, 2006 edition of the Charter Hub magazine, which advertised the availability, through Skycorp, of charter operations in a Beech/Raytheon Premier I jet aircraft, and in a Bombardier/Challenger 601-1A jet aircraft. My investigation revealed that the Internet advertisements were last updated on March 23, 2006, and that they had appeared in both the March and April 2006 issues of Charter Hub magazine, and also on the related Charter-Hub.com Internet site. I could find no information on this website informing the reader that the charter services offered by Skycorp in jets would actually be operated by other entities authorized by the FAA to conduct such operations.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Kevin McKee

DATED this 31st day of October, 2006.

EXHIBIT 1

of Transportation U.S. Department Federal Aviation Administration

Operations Specifications

Aircraft Authorization A003.

09/11/02 HQ Control: HQ Revision:

The certificate holder is authorized to conduct operations under the provisions of Title 14 CFR Part 135 using aircraft with the approved configuration and M/M/S

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Issued by the Federal Aviation Administration.

These Operations Specifications are approved by direction of the Administrator.

Ziegler, Rodney O.

Principal Maintenance Inspector Date Approval is effective: 9/1/04

Amendment Number: 1 I hereby accept and receive the Operations Specifications in this paragraph.

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Date: 9/1/04

President

Trumbull, Donald W

1. KEVIN HOLL

ASTROGEZATION certify this is a true and accurate copy of SX44346K

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Print Date: 09/01/2004

Skycorp Executive Charters, Inc.

CERTIFICATE NO.: SX4A346K

EXHIBIT 2



Aircraft For Charter You Searched For: All Listings

Number of Matches: 4 This Page: 1 of 1

≤ Email This Change Your Search **Print This** Show One-line Listings Thumbnail Photos On

YEAR MANUFACTURER MODEL

PRICE (US\$)

LOCATION

BEECH/RAYTHEON KING AIR 200

\$1,295

WA

Hourly Charter - \$1,295, Certificate #: SX4A346K, 8 Passengers, 550 Lbs. Baggage Capacity, 1633 NM / 1900 SM Range, 18,000-28,000 Ft. Cruise Altitude

Skycorp

Phone: (866)759-3932 or (425)423-9946 Updated: Mar 23 2006 3:17PM

Details & Photo(s) Send a Message Add To 'Aircraft Of Interest'

BEECH/RAYTHEON KING AIR C90

BEECH/RAYTHEON PREMIER I

\$995

Hourly Charter - \$995, N66TL, Certificate #: SX4A346K, 5 Passengers, 30,000 Ft. Maximum Altitude, 1150 Mile / 4.5 Hour Range, 350 Lbs. / 48 cu ft Baggage Capacity

Skycorp

Phone: (866)759-3932 or (425)423-9946

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Updated: Mar 23 2006 3:16PM

\$1,900

WA

Hourly Charter - \$1,900, Certificate #: SX4A346K, 6 Seats

Skycorp

Phone: (866)759-3932 or (425)423-9946 Updated: Mar 23 2006 3:16PM

Send a Message Add To 'Aircraft Of Interest'

BOMBARDIER/CHALLENGER 601-1A

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Hourly Charter - Call, Certificate #: SX4A346K, 9 Seats

Skycorp

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Aircraft For Charter Details: BOMBARDIER/CHALLENGER 601-1A

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BOMBARDIER/CHALLENGER 601-1A, Certificate #: SX4A346K, 9 Seats, Hourly Charter - Call

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Personalized

At Skycorp our flight coordinators work hard to fulfill all of your charter needs. Skycorp's mission is to provide premium service by constantly striving to exceed customer expectations. From the very first call, we accommodate your every need. Skycorp handles all the arrangements of your trip so you don't have to.

From catering to ground transportation, and hotel to restaurant reservations, our 24-hour concierge service has you covered. For business or pleasure, Skycorp Executive Charters provides premium and personalized private air travel.

Convenient

Skycorp has aircraft management and executive charter facilities located at Paine Field, one of Seattle's most convenient airports. Our private hanger offers indoor parking, a comfortable lounge, internet access, phones and fax. Best of all, our schedule is your schedule.

Our aircraft management program has nationwide capabilities with executive charter services throughout the U.S. and abroad. We can stage your own aircraft or pick you up in ours from any airport that you wish. No worries and no waiting. We handle everything.

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Our pilots have decades of experience and are qualified to the highest industry standards. Each pilot completes annual training and testing at Flight Safety International, one of the best training facilities in the world.

Our aircraft and pilots are top-rated!

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Aircraft For Charter Details: BEECH/RAYTHEON PREMIER I

Add To 'Aircraft Of Interest'

BEECH/RAYTHEON PREMIER I, Certificate #: SX4A346K, 6 Seats, Hourly Charter - \$1,900

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Our aircraft and pilots are top-rated!

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICE OF HEARINGS WASHINGTON D.C.

IN THE MATTER OF

SKYCORP EXECUTIVE CHARTERS, INC

FAA DOCKET NO CP06NM0003 (Civil Penalty Action)

DECLARATION OF TERESA BUTLER-STODDARD

I declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct:

- 1. I am a Supervisory Aviation Safety Inspector employed by the FAA's Seattle Flight Standards District Office.
- 2. I was the person responsible for supervising Kevin McKee during the investigation of this case involving the advertising practices by Skycorp Executive Charters, Inc. (hereafter, "Skycorp").
- 3. Attached as exhibit #1 to this declaration are true and correct copies of page B050-1 from Skycorp's FAA-approved operations specifications, which were in effect during the period of March through July 2006.
- 4. These operations specifications show that during this period, Skycorp's authorized areas of en route operations was limited to the United States, Mexico and Canada.
- 5. Attached as exhibit #2 to this declaration are true and correct copies of two pages of information printed off of the CharterHub Internet site on June 5, 2006, and true and correct copies three pages of information printed from the Charter page from Skycorp's Internet site on June 5, 2006. I could find no information on the Charter pages from either website informing the reader that the charter services offered by Skycorp in jets or to destinations other than in North America would actually be operated by other entities authorized by the FAA to conduct such operations.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Teresa Butler-Stoddard DATED this 31st day of October, 2006

EXHIBIT 1

U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration

Operations Specifications

B050. Authorized Areas of En Route Operations, Limitations,

HQ Control:

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and Provisions

HQ Revision:

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a. The certificate holder is authorized to conduct en route operations in the areas of en route operation specified in this paragraph. The certificate holder shall conduct all en route operations in accordance with the provisions of the paragraphs referenced for each area of en route operation. The certificate holder shall not conduct any en route operation under these operations specifications unless those operations are conducted within the areas of en route operation authorized by this paragraph.

Authorized Areas of En Route Operation	Reference Paragraphs	Note Reference #
Canada - excluding Canadian MNPS airspace and the Area of Magnetic Unreliability as established in the Canadian AIP	B031, B032	
Mexico, including the Gulf of Mexico	B031, B032, B036	
USA - The 48 contiguous United States and the District of Columbia	B031, B032	
USA - The State of Alaska	B031, B032	

b. The certificate holder shall conduct all en route operations in accordance with the following limitations, provisions, and special requirements referenced numerically for each area of en route operation listed in subparagraph a. above.

Note	Limitations, Provisions, and Special Requirements
Reference #	

1. Issued by the Federal Aviation Administration.

2. These Operations Specifications are approved by direction of the Administrator.

Carrera, Candace C

Principal Operations Inspector

NM01

3. Date Approval is effective: 12/24/02

Amendment Number: 0

4. I hereby accept and receive the Operations Specifications in this paragraph.

Garcia, Edward E.

President

Date: 12/24/02

EXHIBIT 2

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Aircraft For Charter Details: BEECH/RAYTHEON KING AIR C90

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Add To 'Aircraft Of Interest'



BEECH/RAYTHEON KING AIR C90, N66TL, Certificate #: SX4A346K, 5 Passengers, 30,000 Ft. Maximum Altitude, 1150 Mile / 4.5 Hour Range, 350 Lbs. / 48 cu ft Baggage Capacity, Hourly Charter - \$995

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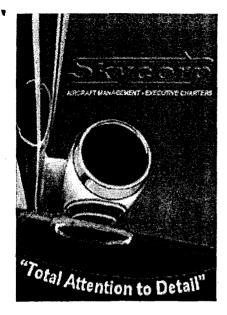
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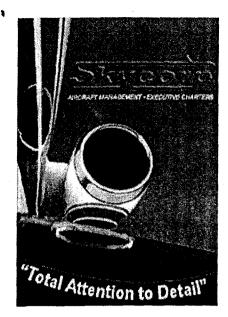
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DECLARATION OF MICHAEL L. KELLY

I declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct:

- I, Michael L. Kelly, am the Manager of the Technical Standards Branch in the Northwest Mountain Region of the FAA's Flight Standards Organization.
- I was the person with overall responsibility for providing technical and policy quidance to our field offices conducting investigations of air carriers, such as the investigation involving the advertising practices by Skycorp Executive Charters, Inc. (hereafter, "Skycorp").
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DATED this 1st day of November, 2006

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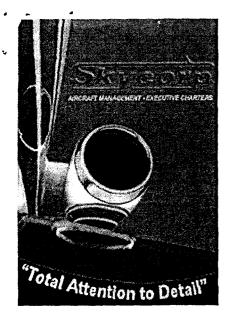
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DATED this 31st day of October, 2006.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICE OF HEARINGS WASHINGTON D.C.

IN THE MATTER OF

SKYCORP EXECUTIVE CHARTERS, INC

FAA DOCKET NO CP06NM0003 (Civil Penalty Action)

DECLARATION OF SAMUEL A. AARON

I declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct:

- I am the Manager of the FAA's Seattle Flight Standards District Office.
- I had overall ultimate responsibility for the investigation this case involving the advertising practices by Skycorp Executive Charters, Inc. (hereafter, "Skycorp").
- On June 5, 2006, I telephoned Don Trumbull, President of Skycorp, to discuss the ongoing FAA investigation of this case. told him that earlier that day my staff had found Internet advertisements on both Skycorp's website and Charter Hub's website, stating that Skycorp could fly anywhere in the world using light to medium jets. I reminded him that Skycorp's Operations Specifications limited its authorized areas of en route operations to the United States, Mexico and Canada, and did not permit the use of jet aircraft. I told him that his advertisements were inappropriate, given his limited operations specifications. Mr. Trumbull stated that he was just following industry practice, by advertising services that he could contract for with other carriers which had appropriate operations specifications for these types of operations. We agreed to disagree, with me advising Mr. Trumbull that I would turn this matter over to the FAA legal office for final resolution of this issue.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and

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